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FM AMCONSUL DURBAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2947

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, SHUM, SF (TRANSKEI)

SUBJ: STATUS OF METHODIST CHURCH IN TRANSKEI

REF: (A) DURBAN 344 (B) STATE 146471 (NOTAL)

1. NEWS STORIES THAT TRANSKEI HAD DETAINED AT LEAST ONE METHODIST MINISTER AND THAT OTHERS HAD FLED THE COUNTRY FROM FEAR OF DETENTION (REF A) ARE IN ERROR. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY OTHER JOURNALISTS INDICATE THAT REV O. NGCATSHE, THE MINISTER REPORTED DETAINED WAS, IN FACT, TAKEN TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE BY TWO SECURITY POLICEMEN BUT WAS RELEASED. HE AND REV P. SHONE, ONE OF THOSE REPORTED AS FLEEING, IMMEDIATELY LEFT TRANSKEI BY CAR FOR DURBAN FOR A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION, SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNING TO TRANSKEI. THEIR WIVES WERE UNAWARE OF THE TRIP AND THE REV NGCATSHE'S WIFE MISTAKENLY ASSUMED HE WAS BEING HELD BY THE SECURITY POLICE WHO HAD TAKEN HIM TO MATANZIMA'S OFFICE.

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2. THE PRESS REPORT OF THE DETENTION OF THE MINISTERS WAS DENIED BY MAJ. M. MGCEBA, HEAD OF TRANSKEI'S SECURITY POLICE, AND BY MATANZIMA HIMSELF.

3. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT VERIFICATION (REF B) THAT THERE ARE NO US-AFFILIATED METHODIST MISSIONARIES IN

TRANSKEI.  
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